



DICHOTOMIES IN UK INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

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WHAT CONTEXT?

WHAT POLICY?

WHAT CHANGE?



POST-MODERN WORLD

- * HEDONISM
- * IMMEDIACY
- * INDIVIDUALISM
- * ALIENATION
- * APPEARANCE



THE INFORMATION AGE

FROM

TO

NEED TO KNOW

NEED TO SHARE

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

KNOWLEDGE IS VALUE

WITHHOLD

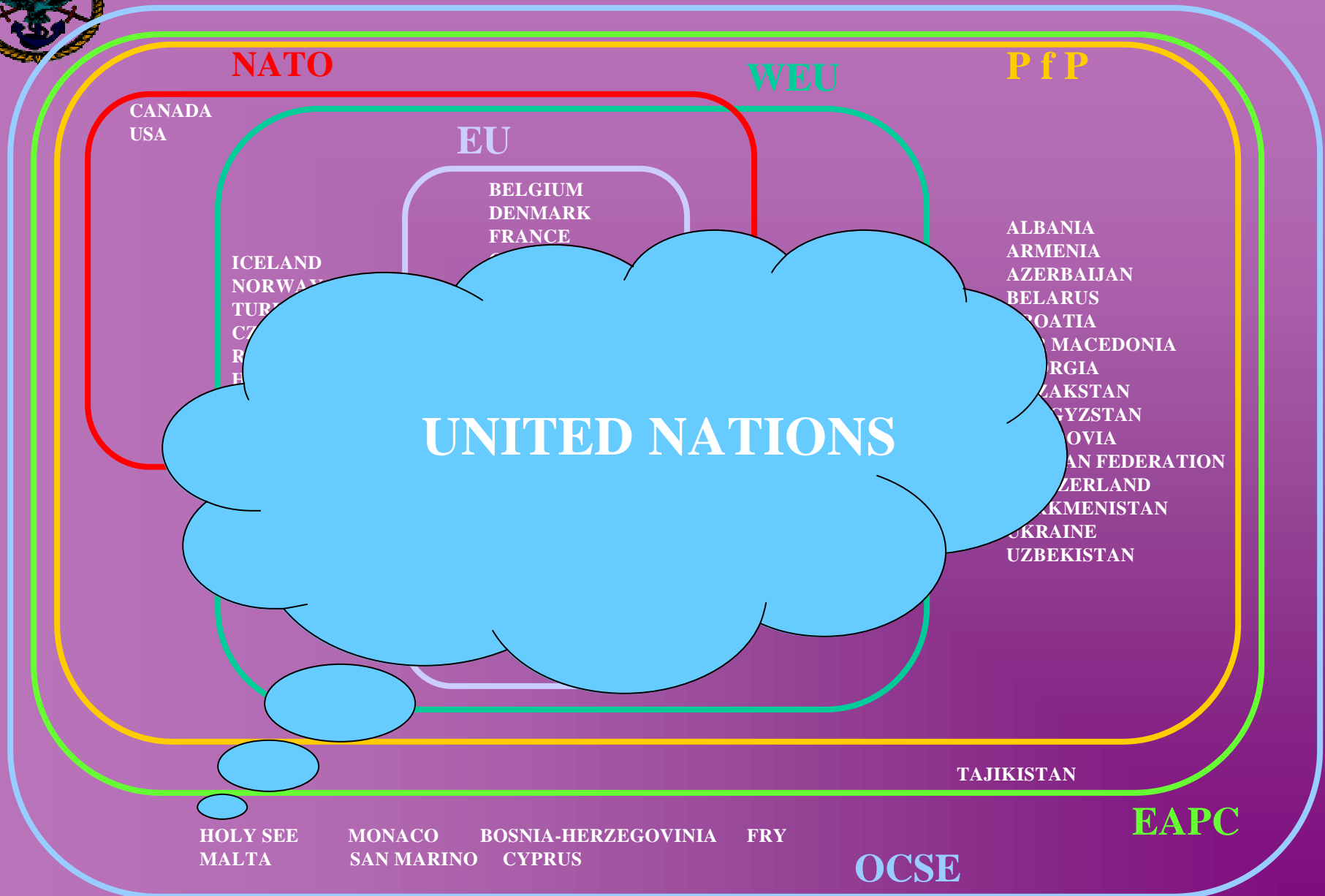
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POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL PARTNERS





POLICY

MOD: The bridge between a vision and a programme or outcome that makes an enduring difference in the real world

CHAMBERS : A system of administration guided more by interest than by principle



“[HMG’s] reluctance to face the facts and inability to devise and implement consistent policies to address them. Instead, the facts are distorted by the new breed of spin doctors, and “eye-catching initiatives” replace serious policy”

**Sir Andrew Green, letter to The Times,
23 Aug 01.**



BUT....

**IS DELIBERATE ANTICIPATION
STILL A REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE
TO AGILE REACTION?**



**“the native hue of resolution is
sicklied o’er with the pale cast of
thought....and enterprises of
great pith and moment...lose the
name of action.”**

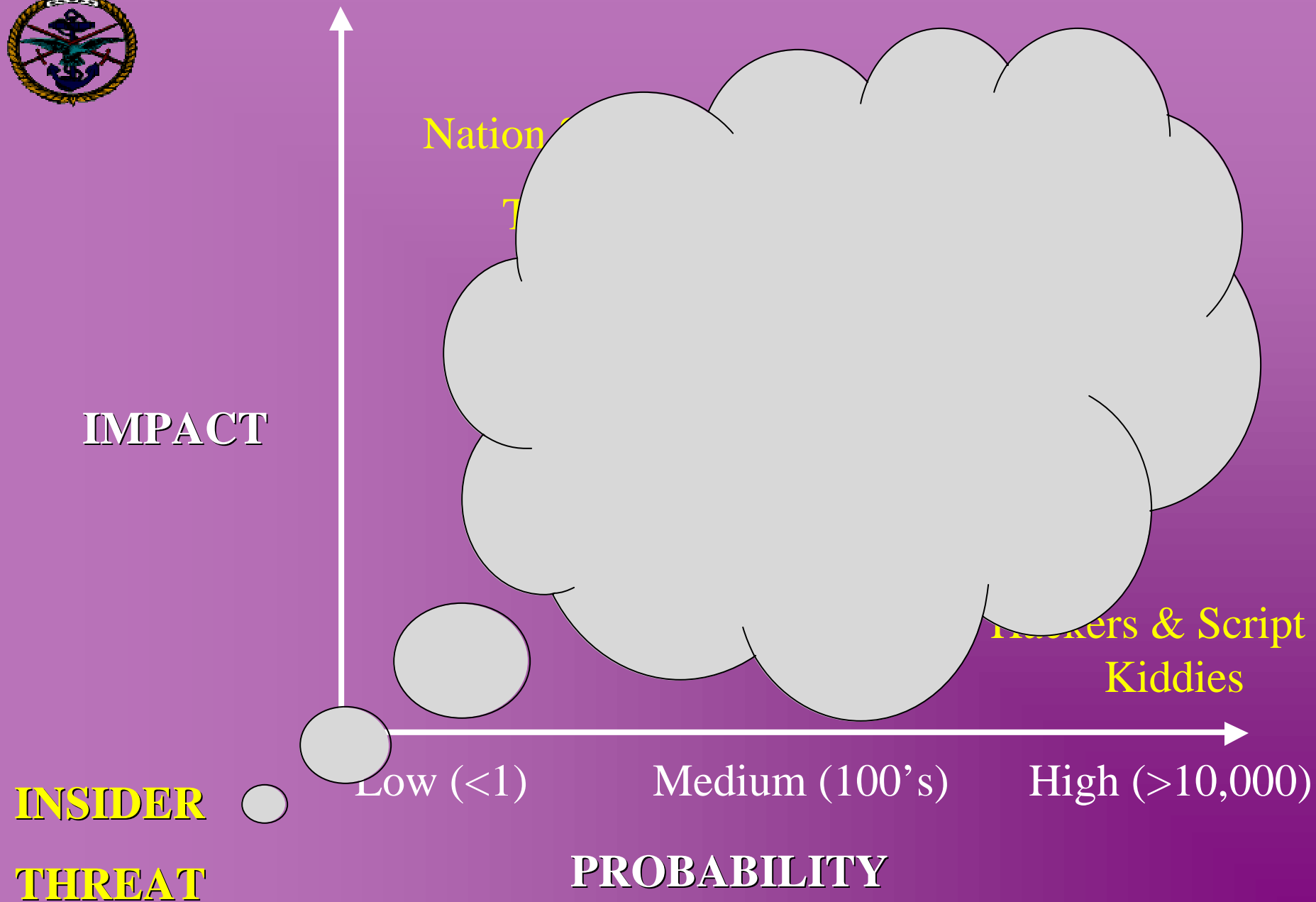
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CURRENT THREATS TO INFORMATION

Component	Malicious	Accidental
CONFIDENTIALITY	ESPIONAGE, LEAKS	OVERSIGHTS, BREACHES
INTEGRITY	FRAUD, MISCHIEF	ERRORS, FAILURES
AVAILABILITY	SABOTAGE, THEFT, VANDALISM	BREAKDOWNS, DISASTERS





THE ENVIRONMENT HAS CHANGED...

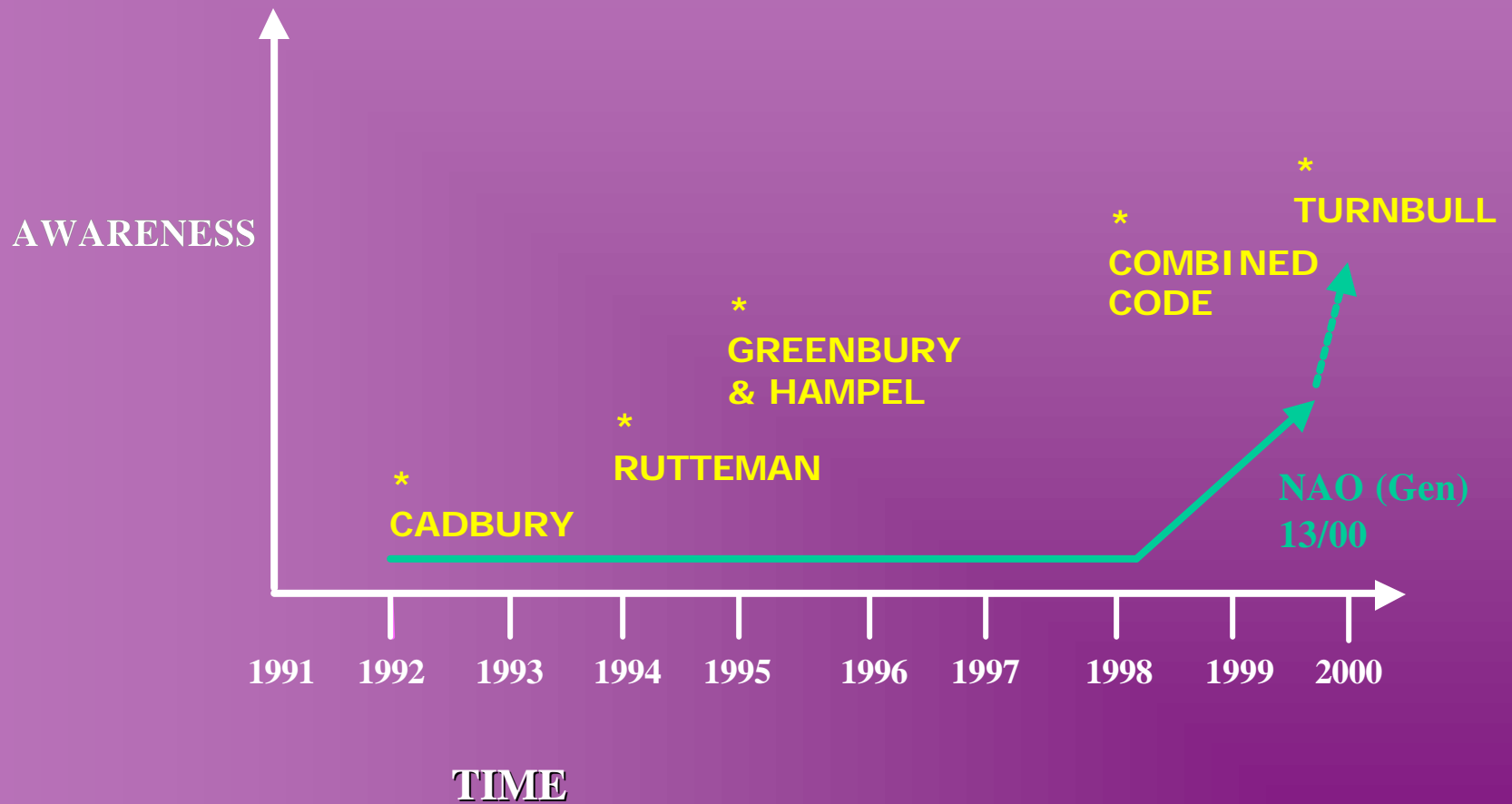
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ORGANISATIONALLY

CULTURALLY



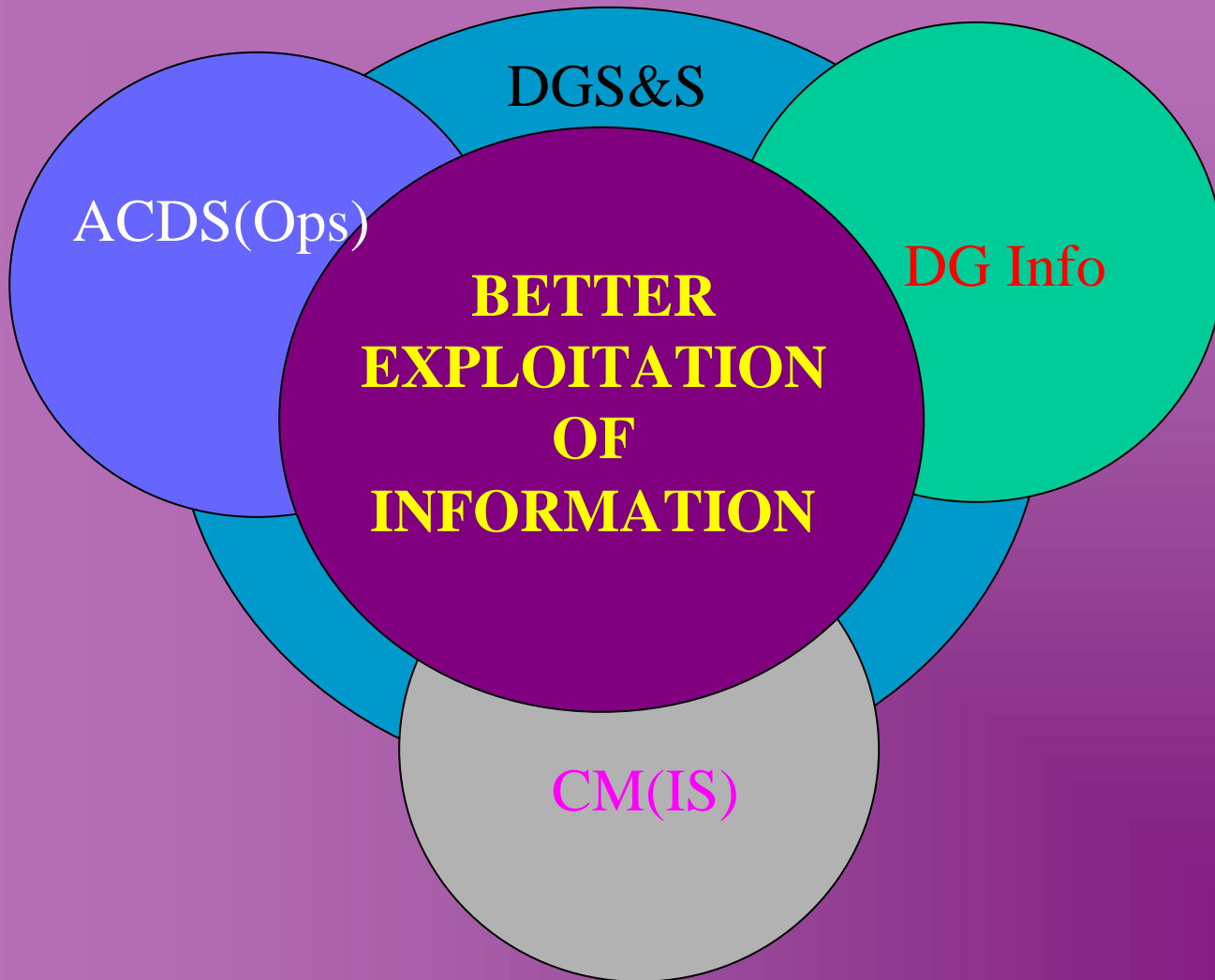
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* PRIVATE SECTOR

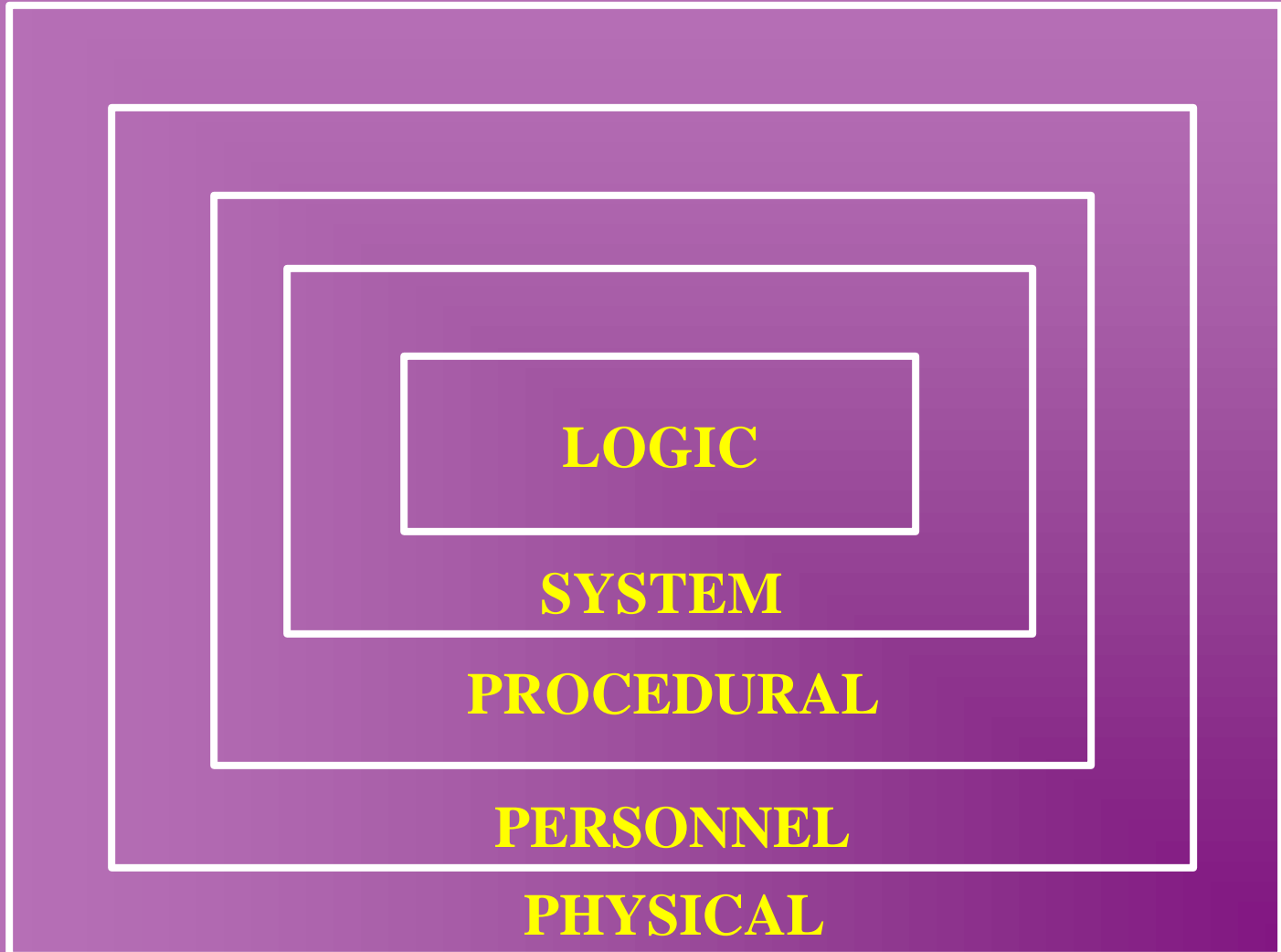


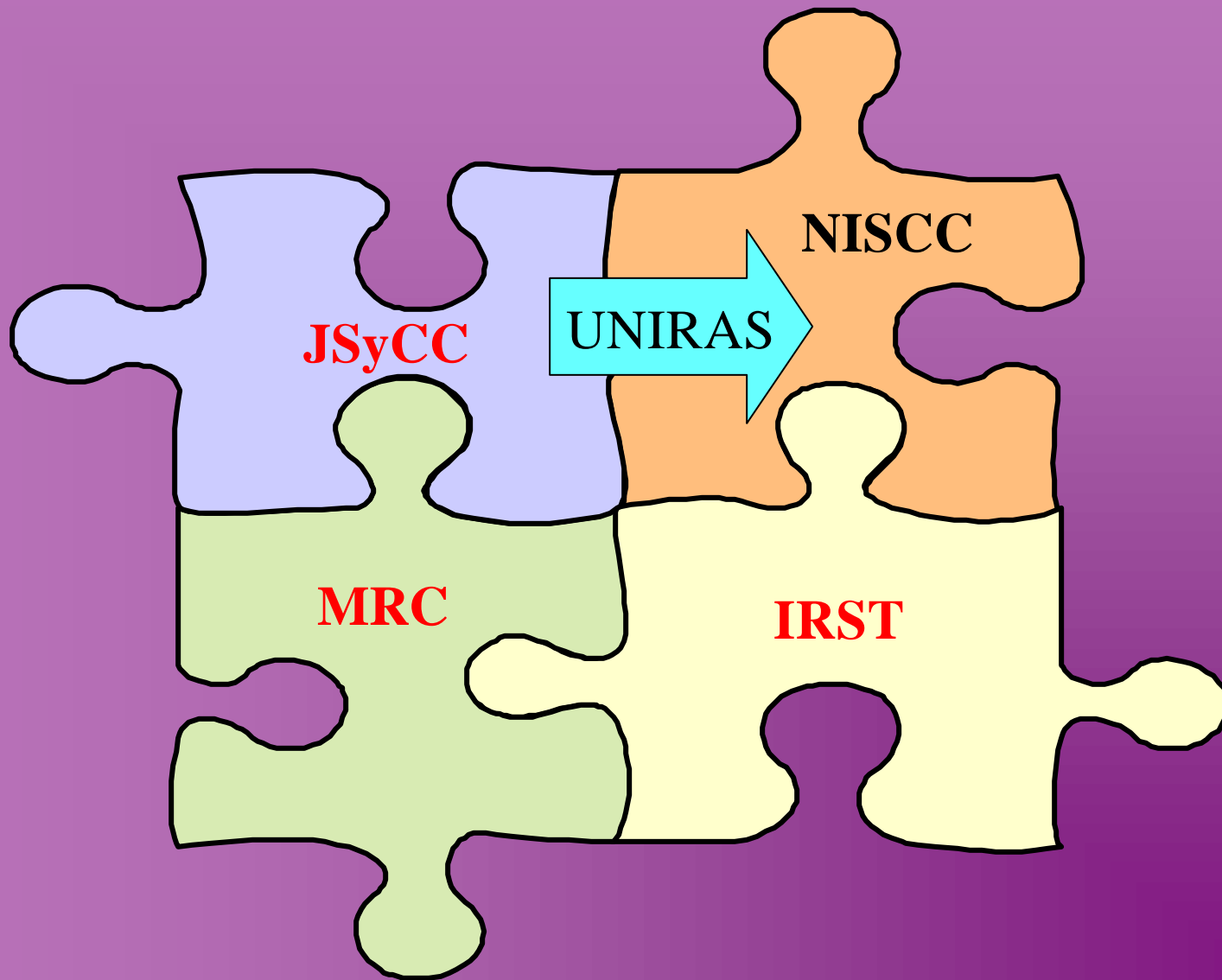
PUBLIC SECTOR





ACCREDITATION







CONFIDENTIALITY : unauthorized disclosure

INTEGRITY : unauthorized modification

AVAILABILITY : authorized access



LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998

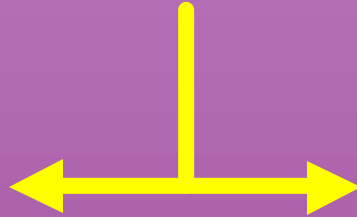
HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998

**REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS
ACT 2000**

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT 2000



PRIVACY



WITHDRAWN

WITHELD



ANONYMITY

SECRECY

SOLITUDE



INTIMATE NATURE & REASONABLE USE



TOP SECRET

exceptionally grave damage

SECRET

serious damage

CONFIDENTIAL

materially damage

RESTRICTED

adversely affect



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